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DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SYSTEMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level team from the United States Department of Agriculture and USAID has recommended several steps for capacity building and professionally structured education to develop agricultural marketing systems;

(b) if so, the other recommendations made by the said team;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether there is any proposal for collaborations with United States in developing farm marketing systems; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(e): The National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), an autonomous body under this Ministry had discussions with the officials of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) subsequent to which a team of resprsentatives from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) visited NIAM to identify areas of collaboration between the USDA and the Ministry. The discussions are at a preliminary stage.